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TOPIC: ICS Training Notes

ICS-300 NWCG vs. FEMA Curricula differences. There are several subtle differences that must be taken into account when using the National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG) I-300 training materials instead of the FEMA ICS-300. Using the FEMA instructor guide to teach the NWCG course (or vice versa) may confuse the training audience and should be avoided. The differences appear to be limited to the ICS-300 level instruction and consist of the following:

NWCG I-300 Student workbook and Instructor Guide:

- Chapter 3 Incident/Event Management and incident Objectives and Chapter 4 Unified Command are in reverse order to FEMA's material.
- The Applied Exercise is a train derailment instead of the school bus accident in the FEMA version.
- NWCG's Chapter 3 has the following slides added:
 - 3.24 Examples of incident Objectives.
 - 3.25 Loss of situational Awareness.
 - 3.26 Tactical Direction.
 - 3.27 Steps for Tactical Direction.
- NWCG's Chapter 4 has the following slides added.
 - 4.6 Background on Unified Command.
 - 4.24 Requirements for Unified Command Meetings.

The NWCG Instructor guides and student workbooks can be ordered in printed and CD format for a nominal fee through NWCG publication website at:

<http://www.nwcg.gov/pms/pubs/pubs.htm>

FEMA sponsored ICS Train the Trainer (L-449)

The EMD will be hosting a FEMA sponsored ICS Train the Trainer at Camp Murray, tentatively scheduled for 6-9 November 2007. Class size will be limited to 50 students. Students must have completed ICS 300 and 400 level equivalencies as a prerequisite to the Train the Trainer course. Please note that Regional/Agency sponsorship is still required in order to attend this training. Class date confirmation and registration instructions will be announced next month.

New to the EMD Website:

FEMA ICS-300 and ICS-400 student Guides are in the process of being posted for download at our website at <http://emd.wa.gov/training/training.shtml>

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